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**Philippines: Coup Attempt Sitrep**  
**(as of 0700 Manila 1 December)**

The situation in Manila remains fluid, with the extent of rebel control uncertain. The rebels apparently control parts of Army Headquarters at Fort Bonifacio and Air Force Headquarters at Villamor Airbase. A government radio and television station is held by the rebels. Fighting also is reported in the major southern cities of Davao and Cebu. President Aquino, protected by the Presidential Security Group at Malacanang Palace, has publicly asked for the Philippine people to be prepared to support her. Secretary of Defense Ramos has been granted the use of Clark Airbase to airlift loyalists in from other areas. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the rebel forces are probably led by renegade LTC Gringo Honasan and the Marine Chief of Staff for Operations LTC Gojo. Rebel forces include at least an entire Marine battalion and elements of an elite Army Scout Ranger Battalion. [REDACTED] estimates that rebel forces total more than 2,000. [REDACTED]

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**Comment:** Even if the government has the loyalty of Constabulary and Police troops in Manila, they may not be sufficient to overcome the better-trained rebel forces without reinforcements from elsewhere in the country. Ramos likely will depend on airlifting loyal troops into the area but we do not know what troops and from where. Major airbases in Davao and Cebu, the likely staging sites, may be in rebel hands. [REDACTED]

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